

**Public Safety & Securities Committee – Public Hearing February 10, 2009**

**Testimony: SB849 – AAC Enforcement by Municipal Building Officials of Occupational Licensure Laws**

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Senator Stillman, Representative Dargan and members of the Public Safety and Security Committee.

My name is Cameron Champlin and I represent Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Local 777. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB-849. We believe that with an incentive, which this bill provides, for the enforcement of Occupational Licensing Laws by Municipal Officials, the municipalities, but also the State of Connecticut and the citizens of Connecticut will benefit from such legislation.

The municipality that issues permits for projects, whether new or renovations, are the best source for enforcement. They are the first to know when a project is started and therefore could very easily ask for confirmation of either the proper license or apprentice registration while performing their normal duties of inspecting such premises for installation of systems in accordance with the building codes.

I acquired my journeyman's license in 1970 after completing a five year apprenticeship. In all that time I have only been asked for proof of license or apprenticeship three times. If this bill is passed I believe it would stop shoddy workmanship and ensure that contractors performing such work are using qualified licensed personnel and properly registered apprentices. In turn this helps the good contractors who obey the law to compete on an even basis when bidding on any project in a municipality where the building official is conscientious and wants to ensure that projects within his jurisdiction are properly constructed.

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Thank you for your time in considering my testimony..